

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A fitting ball club for use in fitting a desired length for iron-type golf clubs for an individual player, said fitting ball club comprising:

a spherical ball having a hosel bore therein;

a golf club shaft one end of which is in said hosel bore and connected to said spherical ball; and

a golf club grip on the other end of said shaft.

2. The fitting ball club of claim 1, wherein the hosel bore extends from the exterior surface of the spherical ball into the center portion of the spherical ball.

3. The fitting ball club of claim 1, wherein the spherical ball additionally comprises a hosel portion extending substantially radially from the spherical ball and the hosel bore is in said extending hosel portion.

4. The fitting ball club of claim 1, wherein a portion of the exterior surface of the spherical ball comprises a chordal section-like flat face substantially parallel to the axis of the hosel bore.

5. The fitting ball club of claim 1 having an overall length of about 37-1/2 inches.

6. A fitting system kit for prescribing length for iron-type golf clubs for an individual player, comprising:

a fitting ball club in accordance with claim 1,  
and the data of Fig. 4.

7. A method for prescribing overall club length for iron-type golf clubs for an individual player, said method comprising:

measuring the erect height (PH) of a player to be fitted;

providing the player with a fitting ball club (FBC) comprising:

a spherical ball having a hosel bore therein,

a golf club shaft one end of which is in said hosel bore

and connected to said spherical ball, and

a golf club grip on the other end of said shaft;

having the player hold the fitting ball club in address position as if about to hit a golf ball therewith;

measuring the wrist-to-floor measurement (WFM) vertically from the player's higher wrist to the floor therebelow;

locating data in the first two columns of the table of Fig. 4, said data corresponding to the PH and WFM measurements, respectively, for the player;

deriving an incremental length LCC from the third, length control club column of Fig. 4, and adding that incremental LCC length to 37-1/2 inches, thereby giving a prescribed overall club length for that player.

8. The method of claim 7 additionally comprising increasing the prescribed overall club length by one-half inch for increasing ball flight distance.

9. The method of claim 7 additionally comprising decreasing the prescribed overall club length by one-half inch for increasing ball flight accuracy.